THERESE ALTOBELLI-OLSEN

Born November 10, 1960 and raised in Iron Mountain, MI by her parents, Americo "Mud" and Arlene. Skied with the Kiwanis Ski Club. She was the first woman to jump in competition on a 90-meter jump. Her personal best jump was 90 meters in Iron Mountain.

1964 Started ski jumping after receiving skis as a gift after eye surgery. Her brothers had erected their own backyard hill jump. She fell in love with the sport. At age 4, she set her goal to be the first woman ever to ride Giant Pine Mountain.

1968 (approx) Began to jump at Mini-Mite tournaments held every Thursday night in Iron Mountain at the Miron Ski-Bowl winning consistently. She earned the title Mini-Might Champ.

1974 At the Junior level with the Kiwanis Ski Club, she was the only girl competing. She competed on the 50 and 70 meter hills, winning many events and scoring many more podium spots which wasn't well-received by some.

1978 At age 17, she felt confident enough to ride Pine Mountain, this being accomplished without any coaching or formal training, as coaches back then wouldn't work with a girl.

1978-81 Strong competitor in Central Division tournaments in St. Paul & Minneapolis, MN; Eau Claire & Madison, WI; Fox River Grove, IL, as well as Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Her pioneering career in ski jumping is permanently remembered; the Therese Altobelli Trophy is awarded each year to the best female jumper in the Central Division.